

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

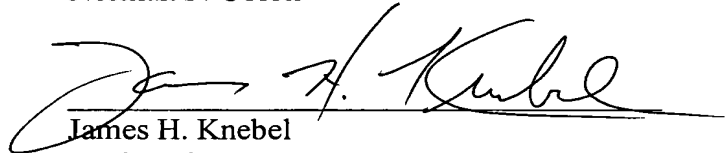
Claims 1-23 are in the case.

The claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies, to improve readability and place the application in better format for examination.

No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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